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HERITAGE TOURISM RAILWAY ROUTE
Kodikunnil Shri Suresh

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways have contemplating to set up a heritage tourism railway route connecting religious and cultural heritage centres like Kanyakumari - Trivandrum (Padmanabha Swami Templ(e) Sabarimala − Guruvayur - Kozhikode (Thali Templ(e) - Mangalore (Mookambika) - Sringeri;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS(SHRI MANOJ SINHA)

(a) to (c): Presently, there is no such proposal. However, Kanniyakumari, Trivandrum, Guruvayur, Kozhikode and Mangalore are already connected by rail network, while Sabrimala and Sringeri are served by nearer stations, through regular trains. Promotion of tourism by linking tourist places with tourist trains is a continuous process based on market demand, operational feasibility and availability of resources.